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1. IN AN INTERVIEW IN THIS WEEK'S "ESPRESSO", DATELINED
NEW YORK, GIACARLO PAJETTA, IN CHARGE OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
FOR THE PCI, COMMENTS ON THE PCI'S ROLE IN GOVERNMENT AND
FOREIGN AFFAIRS. PAJETTA DESCRIBED HIS CONTACTS AT THE UN
WITH SOVIETS ("SOMEWHAT COOL"), ETHIOPIANS, CUBANS, AND
SOMALIS, EXPRESSED HIS OPTIMISM FOR AN EARLY SOLUTION IN
ETHIOPIA, AND HIS CONCERN ABOUT ZAIRE. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION,
HE SAID THAT AN AGGRAVATION OF THE TENSIONS IN AFRICA WILL
PROBABLY NOT AFFECT THE ITALIAN DOMESTIC POLITICAL SITUATION.
ASKED IF SUCH TENSIONS MIGHT DRIVE THE ITALIAN COMMUNISTS
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FROM THE PARLIAMENTARY MAJORITY, HE REPLIED THAT, QUOTE IF
THERE IS SOMEONE, ON THIS OR ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE ATLANTIC,
WHO REALLY HOPES FOR SUCH AN OPERATION, HE SHOULD WONDER HOW
IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO GOVERN WITHOUT THE (ITALIAN) COMMUNISTS.
AND FURTHERMORE, I DO NOT THINK THAT (POLITICAL) FORCES IN
ITALY CAN UTILIZE THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION TO COME TO A
BREAK WITH US. ONE HAS TO NOTE, FOR INSTANCE, THAT ANDREOTTI

HAS KNOWN HOW TO WEIGH HIS SILENCES VERY CAREFULLY (IN WASHINGTON) AND THAT, AFTER PARTICIPATING IN THE WASHINGTON NATO SUMMIT, HE CAME TO THE UNITED NATIONS AND DELIVERED A SPEECH WHICH CERTAINLY WAS NOT CHARACTERIZED BY THE ALARMISM AROUSED BY CARTER. THE VERY FACT THAT HE AVOIDED MENTIONING THE AFRICAN SITUATION IS PROOF OF A NEW APPROACH OR, IF ONE PREFERS, OF A NEW OPENING IN OUR COUNTRY'S FOREIGN POLICY. END QUOTE.

2. AT THE END OF THE ARTICLE, IN RAISING QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PCI MOVING AWAY FROM THE USSR, THE JOURNALIST (FLESCA) ATTRIBUTES TO PAJETTA A STATEMENT TO THE EFFECT THAT IT IS NECESSARY NOW FOR THE PCI TO RENOUNCE LENINISM, EVEN IF SUCH A RENUNCIATION DOES NOT INCLUDE A REPUDIATION OF DEMOCRATIC CENTRALISM.HOLMES

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